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16 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 February 1968

DD/I reported that the best evidence concerning Ayub Khan's illness suggests he had viral pneumonia complicated by heart palpitations but that he is in reasonably good shape. DD/I briefly noted possible developments in the event of Ayub Khan's demise.

DD/I advised that the readout of Operation [] has been completed.

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Godfrey assayed the CRITIC reaction system in connection with the recent Soviet bomber intrusions and noted certain deficiencies which, depending on command action, appear as if they can be remedied. DDCI indicated that he will take up this matter with DIA.

Godfrey advised of reports sighting three enemy tanks as far south as Con Thien.

Godfrey reported that there has been no corroboration of yesterday's report that North Vietnamese troops were en route to reinforce the enemy position in Hue.

The Director advised Godfrey of a request from Walt Rostow for an assessment of the Communists' disposition in Vietnam and their likely imminent moves.

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D/ONE advised that CINCPAC has requested a review of the Korean Estimate in light of North Korean intentions as stated in recent speeches at Panmunjom and that, accordingly, a Memorandum to Holders will be prepared.

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The Director advised the Deputies that he will inform them during the day Monday on dinner arrangements with the Policy Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee on Monday evening.

The Director advised that he wishes DD/S&T and Bruce Clarke to accompany him to the Tuesday morning briefing of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Houston reported on the suit filed in Pittsburgh concerning "secret" appropriations and noted that as the next move it is likely the U. S. Attorney will file a motion to dismiss the suit.

DD/S&T reported that PFIAB has requested a paper, due by close of business Monday, from Dr. Flax concerning the history of the OXCART phase-out.

DD/S&T reported that the second of last night's two scheduled OXCART passes over North Vietnam was aborted because of bad weather and that tonight's overflight has been canceled. DD/S&T noted that there is still no authorization for the North Korean OXCART mission.

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DDCI advised the Director of the ONI-compiled Pueblo chronology which forms the basis for Defense's briefing of PFIAB.

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DDCI will be on leave from 18 February to 2 March.

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